

Hurricane Katrina and Rita Evacuees Education and Training Scholarships

The WorkSource has scholarship money available for Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees who want or need education and training to go to work in the Houston area, other parts of Texas or the US or in Louisiana.

We have a significant amount of scholarship money available for evacuees who are interested in training to assist in clean-up and rebuild of the storm affected areas. This scholarship money can only be used at approved schools located in the Houston-Galveston area. Courses may be completed in eight weeks or less, depending on the type of training.

Training courses include:

- Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Training (Hazwoper)
- Carpenter Helpers
- Plumber Helpers
- Electrician Helpers
- HVAC Techs
- Sheet Metal Helpers
- Dry Wall Helpers
- Material Handlers
- Cement Mason Helpers
- Entry Level Construction
- Residential Electricity
- Commercial Truck Driving
- Structural Welder
- Beginning Electric Utility Worker
- Basic Water Operations
- Basic Wastewater Operations
- Forklift Operator
- Crane and Forklift Operator
- Earthmoving Equipment Operator
- Welder Helpers

To qualify for a scholarship from The WorkSource, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
 - Be authorized to work in the United States and, for men born after January 1, 1960, must have registered with the selective service;
 - Have a social security card or documentation from the Social Security Administration confirming application for a card; and
 - Meet The WorkSource's eligibility guidelines. For evacuees interested in scholarships for clean-up and rebuild training this means:
 - Showing proof of residency in a hurricane-affected area. Usual documents include the following: (1) Driver's license or other government or school issued ID with an address in affected areas, (2) Bills or other mail at an address in an affected area, (3) Unemployment Insurance or Disaster Unemployment Assistance, (4) Evidence of FEMA or Red Cross assistance, (5) Other documents that show you were living in an area affected by the hurricane
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- Providing information or documents that show you are a worker who was dislocated from your place of employment due to the storm, a displaced/unemployed homemaker, unemployed migrant/seasonal farm worker, or currently unemployed.

How To Apply:

Apply in person at any office of The WorkSource. Find the nearest office of The WorkSource by calling 1-888-469-JOBS (5627) or by visiting The WorkSource website at www.theworksource.org. We expect clean-up and rebuild scholarship funds to be available until June 30, 2006.